

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 83-28

ORDER RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER NO. 79-63, ISSUED TO

UNION CHEMICALS DIVISION OF
UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA
NICHOLS PLANT
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (hereinafter Board) finds that:

1. The Union Chemical Division of Union Oil Company of California (hereinafter the Discharger) operated a fertilizer manufacturing plant in Nichols until 1979.
2. On June 19, 1979 the Board adopted Order No. 79-63, NPDES No. CA0027839, Waste Discharge Requirements regulating run-off from the Discharger's discontinued fertilizer manufacturing plant and gypsum piles.
3. On September 7, 1982 the Discharger sent a proposal to RWQCB staff to remove gypsum from the ponds and storage areas, filling the ponds with clean soil, seeding the area and demonstrating that run-off pH would not cause adverse water quality impact.
4. Based on a report submitted by the Discharger on March 30, 1983 and Regional Board staff inspection on July 22, 1983 it is apparent that the Discharger has completed the clean-up activities set forth in the September 7, 1982 proposal. The storm water discharge monitoring for over a three month period (January 18, 1983 through April 25, 1983) indicated that clean-up actions were successful in eliminating possible water quality impacts due to prior site activities.
5. The United States Navy has purchased the Discharger's property.
6. The Discharger has complied with waste discharge requirements set forth in Order No. 79-63 and would like that the Board consider rescinding Order No. 79-63 based on the demonstration that all requirements have been satisfactorily completed.
7. On September 21, 1983, at a meeting starting in the Assembly Room, State Building, 1111 Jackson Street, Oakland, after due notice to the Dischargers and all other interested persons, the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which the Discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

This Regional Board's Order No. 79-63 is rescinded.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on September 21, 1983.

FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer